LIFE POLICYHOLDERS HAD GOOD HEALTH RECORD IN 1954

Owners of American's 80,000,000 ordinary life insurance policies enjoyed an excellent health year in 1954, recording a near low death rate for the year, the Institute of Life Insurance reports.

The 1954 death rate among these ordinary policyholders was 607.7 per 100,000, compared with 621.4 the year before and 766.5 ten years ago. Only once before, in 1950 when the rate was 605.8 was a beter record shown.

Practisally all causes of death showed some decline in the year, but the outstanding event of the health year was the continued sharp decline in the death rate from tuberculosis.

Influenza and pneumonia death rates were also at a new low level in 1954 among ordinary life policyholders, the Institute report shows.

Diseases of the heart, including the full range of cardiovascular diseases, remained the leading cause of death in 1954, accounting for well over half of all ordinary life policyholder deaths.

Cancer alone of the chief causes of death showed a slightly increased rate in 1954.

Excessive Mulching Is Bad Practice

Mulches of straw, pine needles, buckwheat hulls, sawdust, etc., serve a useful purpose in the home grounds IF used properly, Jim Smith, County Agent, disclosed.

However, when such materials are heaped around trees, shrubs, roses and other plants, there may be severe injury.

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About one inch of mulch is all that is needed. Spread it evenly to avoid dams which catch too much water, or ridges which shed the water away from the plants.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year payable in advance.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to my friends and neighbors for their kindness shown me during my recent bereavement in the loss of my brother. Also for the beautiful floral designs, cards and food.

Mrs. J. A. Young.

(1tp)

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all of my friends for the gifts, cards, visits and other kindness shown me during my recent stay in the hospital.

Braxton Coleman.

(1tp)

Special Notices

NOTICE

I will be at the Clerk's Office all day Friday, May 13, and at my home on Saturday, May 14 from 6:30 to 12:00 o'clock midnight. If anyone wants to register, see me at the above place and time.

J. H. Lucado,
Registrar
Appomattox C. H. Precinct.
(1tc)

Special Notice: For the convenience of the Pipeline Workers, as well as our other customers, we will remain open on Friday nights from 7 to 9 P. M. We have a complete line of jewelry, and up-to-date watch repair service. All work guaranteed, and tested on the Watch-Master.

A. G. Gaines,
Jeweler
Across street from Moses Motor Co., Appomattox, Va.
(1tc)

NOTICE: As of Friday, April 29, I am moving my residence to the home owned by Mrs. L. Crawley, on South Church St., just below the corner of Church and Evergreen St., known as Spencer's Corner. My telephone number will be Appomattox 4593.

Dr. T. Hyler,
Veterinarian, Appomattox, Va.
(4-28-3tp)

Notice: I am not responsible for any one's debts, but my own.

Mrs. H. W. Simms.
(5-12-2tc)

CLASSIFIED ADS

Special Notices

NOTICE TO VOTERS

I will sit at the Rocks Precinct Saturday, May 14, for the purpose of registering voters.

Toby E. Inge,
Registrar.
(1p)

Help Wanted—Female

WANTED: Settled woman for housework. All modern conveniences.

Mrs. Anna C. Plunkett,
Appomattox, Va.
(1tp)

ROOM AND BOARD

ROOM AND BOARD. See—Mrs. J. M. Rosser, or Phone 4342.
(4-28-tfc)

For Sale

FOR SALE: Two good young fresh cows, calf by side. Both good dairy or family cows. Route 1, in sight of town.

W. S. Guthrie.
(1tc)

FOR SALE: Have honey for sale, at twenty cents per pound. Mrs E T Layne, Sr. Route 4, Appomattox, Va.
(1tp)

PAINT OUTSIDE titanium lead and oil. Guaranteed not to peel. $4.95 value. Special Factory price, $2.25 gal. Free sample.

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FOR SALE: Trail's End Chicks: Reds, Barred Rocks, White Rocks, and White Leghorns, $12.95 per hundred. Place your order now.

Coleman's Feed & Seed Store
(3-3-tfc)

Summer Coal Prices now in effect. Fill up now, while pirces are lower. Call 3432 or see Vernell Mitchell, manager, Appomattox Coal Co. (4-28-tfc)

FOR SALE: 8-room, 2-story frame house, with water and bathroom, and small basement, on large well-located lot near new elementary school.

C. G. O'Brien.
(3-17-tfc)

FOR SALE: Brand new 24" girls bicycle. Will sell at a greatly reduced price.

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(1tc)

PICK UP PAYMENTS ON SPINET PIANO.

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(5-5-2tc)

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(5-5-4tc)

STATE FOREST TIMBER FOR SALE

Bids will be opened at the office of the State Forester, Charlottesville, Virginia, at 2:00 p. m., Monday, June 6, 1955, for the purchase of pine timber marked for cutting on the Wilkerson Tract (No. 35), Prince Edward - Gallion State Forest, estimated to be 266,770 board feet.

Full particulars including proposal form may be obtained from J. C. Hayes, Sate Forest Superintendent, Cumberland, Virginia.
(5-12-4tc)

TIMELY TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

Get wonderful hints for decorating your home and learn how to make your own furnishings. Read "Dottie Decorates" and "Do It Yourself" every week in the

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J. O. ROBERTSON
Spout Spring, Va.
Phone: Appomattox 4470

For Sale

FOR SALE: Have fine building lots, fronting 240 feet and 200 feet deep, located in the former L. E. Smith Sub-Division, northeast edge of Town of Appomattox.

—Mr. and Mrs. George C. Franklin. Phone 2013 or 3191, Appomattox, Va.
(4-28-3tc)

FOR SALE: One light weight all metal wheel brarrow. Axe, rake, pitchfork. Potato hoe, briar blade, two garden hoes. Two 50-foot water hose. One 50-foot sprinkle hose. One lawn sprinkler. One railroad jack. All items practically new. See

J. E. Ramsey,
or Phone 3272, Appomattox, Va.
(1tp)

For Sale: Westinghouse Milk Cooler. Holds six cans of milk. Will sell reasonable.

Robert Simms,
Spout Spring, Va.
(5-5-2tp)

FOR SALE: Picnic tables for sale. Creosote treated.

L. H. Goin,
Appomattox, Va.
(5-12-2tp)

FOR SALE: Five room dwelilng on New Street. City water available. Priced $4,750. See—

Chas. F. P. Crawley, Attorney.

MRS. CHAS. JAMES'
Low Calorie Salad Dressing
For Sale at
Spencer's Drug Store

Sweet Potato Plants — Copperskin Porto Rico—Deep, Rich Orange Flesh, Vine Type Good Flavored: 300—$1.80; 500 —$2.40; 1000 — $3.90; 2,000 in Apple Basket — $7.50. Robert Simmon, Sharon, Tenn. (5-12-3tp)

Plants For Sale: Cabbage, lettuce, tomato, eggplant, sweet potato slips, strawberries, hot and sweet peppers. Also flower plants. Prices reasonable.

Mrs. L. M. Wilkes,
Appomattox, Va.
(5-5-2tc)

FOR SALE: Registered Bluetick Coon Hound Puppies. Male and female. Reasonable price.

R. S. Franklin,
Route 2, Appomattox, Va.
(5-5-2tp)

FOR SALE: 2000 acres along shoreline of beautiful Buggs Island Lake. Choice cottage and home sites close to water's edge, 57,000 acres of water, wonderful fishing and boating. Sold by acre or lots.

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(3-17-10tp)

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(1tc)

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(5-5-4tc)

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OFFICES FOR RENT: Several available for immediate occupancy. Year-round Air Conditioning, light and toilet facilities. See: The Bank of Appomattox.
(5-21-tfc)

Business Services

NOTICE: I am available to work on wells. Cleaning, digging and service. Write: George Calloway, P. O. Box 454, Appomattox, Va., or call by home on Patricia Ann Lane.
(5-12-4tp)

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(5-5-tfc)

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5-5-ctf

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER WELL

1. Always insist on a standard form written contract. Never accept a verbal agreement.
2. What is to be the diameter of the well and what is the maximum depth for drilling, if water is not encountered?
3. What kind and weight of casing is to be used?
4. Is any sand to be tolerated in water from the finished well?
5. How is the well to be completed? How is it to be tested? Who is to test it?
6. Rate to be paid per foot for drilling. Is casing included in this price? Is completing and testing included in the price? What are the terms of payment?
7. Will the driller supply the owner with an accurate log of the well and test record?
8. Does the driller carry liability insurance?
9. In case of a dry hole, will any adjustment be made on drilling charges?
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CENTRAL VIRGINIA'S LARGEST DRILLERS
(12-2-tfc)

NOTICE ... In compliance with 653-A of the Code ... amended ... ing of the School Board of Appomattox ... ed for 10:00 A ... 14, 1955 at the ... pomattox, Virginia ... this meeting ... Trustee for ... Appomattox Co... office of four ... 1, 1955.

Signed ...
(5-5-2tc)

VIRGINIA. In the Clerk's ... cuit Court of Ap... the 3rd day of ... John Engram, ... Against Carrie Hunter ... Hunter Dennis, ... Cooper, et als. ... The object of ... partition of a ... land, more or ... District of App... which John Hu... And it appe... ed that Carrie ... Senior Hunter ... Polly Hunter ... dents of Virginia ... required to app... after the due p... der and do w... protect their in... Teste: Chas. F. P. Cra... Appomattox, Va ...
(5-5-4tc)

TRUSTEE'S ... Pursuant to au... undersigned Tr... that certain De... August 15, 1946 ... Henry Palmer ... er, of record ... the Clerk's Off... Court of Appom... ginia, in Deed B... thereof, that wh... been made in ... indebtedness the... on request by ... obligation that ... ed, and in con... the following ... will be offered ... with the terms ... aforementioned ...

Description: All of that ... of land locat... Appomattox, ... fronting and ... on the south ... (now Patrick ... designated as ... "D" on a pl... record in Deed ... 135. Said lot ... fifty (50) fe... about one ru... feet, with the ... on, namely ... composition ... front and ... room, two be... way, bath ... kitchen and ... by Floyd Henry ... Belle Palmer.

Place of Sale: ...
Time of Sale: ... FRIDAY ...
Terms of Sale: ...
Auctioneer: ...
Trustee: R. L. ...
4-28-6tc

Special ... CHAN... OFFICE ... I have moved ... all records ... new Lewis ... ing, which ... my brother ... mattox Pri... ing. the ... Lewis Motor ... can be of ... here or at ... a few good ... tubes. Used ... cessories, ... recap tires ... Truck, all ... on any of ... counts.

Isaac ...
Formerly ...
Phone office ...

Candidates Notices

TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF APPOMATTOX

I will be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor in the Town Election this June.

I wish to thank all my friends for their cooperation during my term as mayor, and if re-elected I will continue to give my best efforts for the good of our town.

Chas. F. James.
(tfc)

To The Voters of Appomattox County:-

I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic Primary Election of July 12.

I will deeply appreciate your vote and active support. If honored with election, I promise that I will be in the office personally to perform the duties of same. If elected I will dispose of my present store business in order to give my time to the office.

Thomas Terrell Martin.
(5-5-tfc)

To The Voters of Stonewall District:

I will be a candidate to succeed myself for the office of supervisor from Stonewall District of Appomattox County, subject to the Democratic Primary Election to be held on July 12, 1955.

If elected, I pledge to continue to give the office of supervisor the faithful attention expected of the holder of this important office.

Your vote and influence will be appreciated.

John P. Alvis, Jr.
(7-7-55 pd)

TO THE VOTERS OF APPOMATTOX COUNTY:

I will be a candidate for election to the office of County Treasurer subject to the Primary Election to be held on July 12, 1955.

Your vote and influence will be appreciated.

J. Garland Plunkett.
(5-5-tfc)

TO THE VOTERS OF STONEWALL DISTRICT

I am a candidate for the office of Supervisor from Stonewall District of Appomattox County, subject to Democratic Primary in July.

I will appreciate your vote and active support. If elected, I pledge to carry out the wishes of the people of this district as a whole, to the best of my ability.

Otho W. Martin, Jr.
(7-7-55pd)

To the Voters of Appomattox Co.:

I am a candidate for election to the office of Commissioner of the Revenue, subject to the Primary Election to be held July 12, 1955. I will appreciate your vote and support.

Hubert H. Caldwell, Jr.
(5-5-tfc)

To The Voters of The Town of Appomattox:

I am a candidate for the Town Council, subject to the town election to be held June 14, 1955.

Your vote and support will be appreciated.

J. C. Caldwell.
(4-28-7tc)

TO THE VOTERS of The Town of Appomattox:

I am a candidate for the Appomattox Town Council, subject to the town election to be held June 14, 1955. I will greatly appreciate your vote and support and if elected will strive to serve in this office to the best of my ability.

R. W. (Bobby) Mitchell.
(6-9-p)

CANDIDATE'S CARD

To The Voters of The Town of Appomattox:

I am a candidate for re-election to the Town Council of Appomattox, subject to the election to be held June 14, 1955. I will appreciate your vote and support, and will give my best efforts for the town if elected.

Grover E. Smith.
(6-9-p)

CANDIDATE'S CARD

To the Voters of Town of Appomattox.

I am a candidate for the Appomattox Town Council. The election is to be held on June 14th. I will certainly appreciate your vote and support. If elected I promise to endeavor to carry out the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

C. T. Moses, Jr.
(4-21-tfc)

CANDIDATE'S CARD

To The Voters of The Town of Appomattox:

I am a candidate for re-election to the Appomattox Town Council, said election to be held June 14, 1955. I will appreciate your vote and support and if elected I will exert every effort to serve the town to the best of my ability.

Mrs. Calvin Robinson.
(4-7-tf)

To The Voters of The Town of Appomattox:

I am a candidate for the Appomattox Town Council, subject to the election to be held June 14, 1955. I will appreciate your vote and support.

T. Hunter Dickerson.
(4-21-5tc)

To The Voters of The Town of Appomattox:

I am a candidate for the Town Council of Appomattox, subject to the Town Election of June 14.

I will deeply appreciate your vote and atcive support, and if elected promise to serve in this office to the best of my ability.

Fred H. Lawson.
(6-9-55pd)

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, May 10.- Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chaulebois and daughter, Carrie, of Roanoke, spent Sunday in the home of her mother, Mrs. Georgie Schindler.

D. H. Cyrus, Jr., and wife and daughter, Cindy, are spending some time in the home of his parents.

Mr. George Carson and family spent Sunday with Mrs. W. J. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. William Layne and ... of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Layne and son, of Appomattox visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wharton and children, of Portsmouth and Mrs. Della Tyler, of Staunton, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. ... Thomas.

The W. S. C. S. of Salem Church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Carson Friday night.

Richwood

Richwood, May 10.- "The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the well spring of wisdom as a flowing brook." —Quoted.

Services at the Central Baptist Church Sunday evening.

... A. Blazer is spending a few ... with his family here.

Mr. Tom Marsh is spending a ... with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. ... at Gladys.

... and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge ... with Mrs. L. M. Ferguson ... Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Ferguson ... been sick but is feeling better.

... P. Brannan and daughters, Val ... Georgie Belle and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge were in Lynchburg on ... Thursday.

... Ashby Marsh and Mrs. E. R. ... visited Saturday afternoon ... Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Tom Marsh.

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Pamplin

Pampiln, May 10.- Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson and son, Larry were week-end visitors at Durham, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Shreaves, and daughter Betty and son, Bobby, of Nassawaddox were week-end visitors of Mrs. Roy Lucado and Mrs. R. W. Smith.

Miss Ernestine Southall, of Norfolk spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. L. M. Southall.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson and children, of Oakville, were dinner guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Richardson Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Farrar and daughter, Norma Katherine, of Pearisburg, were week-end guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Farrar.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hungate and son, Henry, Jr., of Christiansburg, were week-end guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dickerson.

Tommy Ligon, of V. P. I. spent the week-end at his home here.

Mrs. Minnie Driskwell, of Phenix is visiting her sister, Mrs. Daisy Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Ramsey spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coley Ramsey.

Week-end guests in the home of Mrs. W. B. Ford and Mrs. H. M. Marshall were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McCauley and children, of Fredericksburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ford, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Southall spent Saturday in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Horton Miller Southall, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Thelma Adams, of Prospect spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Daisy Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, of Lynchburg were Sunday visitors in the home of Miss Flora Williams and Mr. Robt. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Chat Terry and children, of Critz, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wingfield, of Richmond were Sunday guests in the home of Mrs. H. T. Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Covington and children, of Hixburg, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. C. C. Rosser.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood, of Winchester, were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. H. F. Clark.

Mr. W. P. Lucado is a patient in the Southside Hospital. Farmville. He was hurt by a tractor May 2.

Before 1945, less than $1,000,000 a year was spent for cancer research. Since then the American Cancer Society alone has devoted about $35,000,000 to that work.

The American Cancer Society points out that the only aproved means of curing cancer today are surgery and radiation by x-ray or radium.

Appomattox is a growing town.

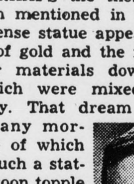
THE BIBLE SPEAKS
International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: II Chronicles 25—26.
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8.

Iron and Clay

Lesson for May 15, 1955

IN PERHAPS the most famous dream mentioned in the Bible, an immense statue appeared, with a head of gold and the rest made of other materials down to the feet which were mixed of iron and clay. That dream points a good many morals; one of which is that such a statue will soon topple over. An iron foundation is strong but a foundation only partly strong won't do. So the foundations of life, if they are partly strength and partly weakness, will not endure. We have with us today (in this week's Bible study) a man who like that famed dream-image was part iron, part clay. He had his strong points and his weak ones, and he finally toppled.



Dr. Foreman

He Loved the Soil

This man was King Uzziah, one of the better kings of Judah. He was a strong king in many ways. It is true, he was king over a very small territory as we see it today. Dr. Stapp's rocket-sled could cover it end to end in about 20 seconds. It is said by his biographer that his fame extended to the border of Egypt . . . not over 200 miles at most. However, while his kingdom was a tiny one as countries go today, the beauty of the Old Testament is that we have something like very large-scale maps of small areas, blown up so we can see the detail. This King Uzziah succeeded in resisting ruinous invasion by the ever-greedy ruthless countries around him. He strengthened the national defense; he reorganized the army; he introduced (then) modern equipment for his armed forces. He conserved the country's small water-supply. He developed farming, both stock-raising and agriculture. He "loved the soil" (II Chr. 26:10.) Best of all, he made a serious effort ("he set himself" as his biographer says) to keep God's laws. He listened to the prophet Zechariah, he was willing to be "instructed in the fear of God." Altogether, for a large part of his life, he gave the country a wise and strong administration because he was himself wise and strong.

He Grew Proud

Nevertheless he finally tumbled down. His clay underpinning at last gave way. The inspired biographer puts his finger on the weakness and names it: "He grew proud"—and adds, "to his destruction." Proud men do not think of their pride as a weakness, they consider that strength and pride go together. So they often do, only the pride tears down the strength. What happened to Uzziah has happened to many a dictator since. He thought he could do as he pleased. He scoffed at the laws he had once supported. He came to think of himself as a human exception to God's law. He declined to take advice. He no longer would listen to men of God. It is this ballooning conceit, this unwillingness to listen to any one, this feeling oneself Destiny's child, that trapped Julius Caesar and Pontius Pilate and Napoleon and Hitler and many another tyrant in history. Pride is always a weakness. It blinds the proud man to his own defects, it blinds him to the wisdom of others. It turns him from a good strong man into a little tin god, from something genuine into something "phony." It isn't only kings of old and dictators of today, it isn't only the famed in history, it can happen to obscure people too.

He Was False to the Lord

The most serious charge brought against Uzziah is that he was "false to the Lord" (II Chr. 26:16). To put what he did into modern terms, this king-dictator, who had run everything else successfully, at last tried to run the church. The priests took their orders, as they understood it, from God; this brash Uzziah said, in effect, "Now never mind what God has ordered; from now on you will listen to ME." To put it into modern terms again Uzziah wanted to put the Church under the direct control of the State. Against this, the high priest of that day protested, and religious persons will still protest. It may be true that from the standpoint of pure efficiency most churches are not too well run; it is true that with government force back of them churches could get more members—of a sort.

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AHS Newscast

By Jane Holt

Appomattox, Virginia
May 10, 1955

Dear June,

There is a great deal of excitment both in the Junior and Senior classes this week. For the Juniors their class play is one of the big events of the year. This play is to be presented Thursday, May 12. Members of the cast are Betty Dale Robinson, Robert Carter, Shawn Mabley, Peggy Henry, Betty Mitchell, Alice Ashworth, Mary Walker Evans, Carol Myers, Peggy Wooten, Wesley Newcomb, Lewis McDearmon, Bill Carson and Maynard Beane. This is certainly a fine cast and we wish them the best of luck.

For the Seniors, a big occasion occurs this week-end— the Senior trip. We leave Friday morning at 5:30 and return Sunday night. We are really looking forward to having a wonderful time in Washington.

Last week, the Junior Music Club met and elected their officers for '56. They are:

President, Mary Anna McDearmon
Vice-pres., Eddie Rothgeb
Secretary and treasurer, Terry Phelps
Reporter, Ann Cunningham.

Our baseball team chalked up two more victories last week. They only have a few more games this season, and we surely wish them the best for continuing a most successful season.

May Day, which was last Friday was one of the most beautiful our school has had. The court was very pretty. Many high school and grade Students participated in the annual event.

Wednesday of last week we were most pleased at having for our guest at a chapel program the band from Altavista High School. They gave a fine performance, which we enjoyed very much.

Lucy Perdue has been chosen our valedictorian and Charles Trent our salutatorian for the Class of '55. These two students have achieved a great deal, and we are very proud of them. Congratulations, Lucy and Charles!

Today the F. B. L. A. and the Forensic Club had their monthly meetings. The Forensic Club had a call meeting last week because of their hayride. This hayride was given Saturday night, after which the students went to Holliday Lake to picnic.

This concludes most of the local happenings around A. H. S. for now. Be looking for more news from me next week, same time.

'Til then,
Jane.

School Cafeteria Menu

Mrs. L. L. Stanley, manager, has announced the following menu for the local school cafeteria for next week:

Monday, May 16.- Beef hash with potatoes, buttered carrots, apricots and cookies, milk.

Tuesday. May 17.- Italian spaghetti, congealed fruit salad, hot rolls, butter and milk.

Wednesday, May 18.- Weiner in roll, baked beans, sliced tomatoes, milk.

Thursday, May 19.- Vegetable soup, saltines, assorted sandwiches, apple sauce.

Friday, May 20.- Fish sticks, hot buttered rice, cole slaw, milk.

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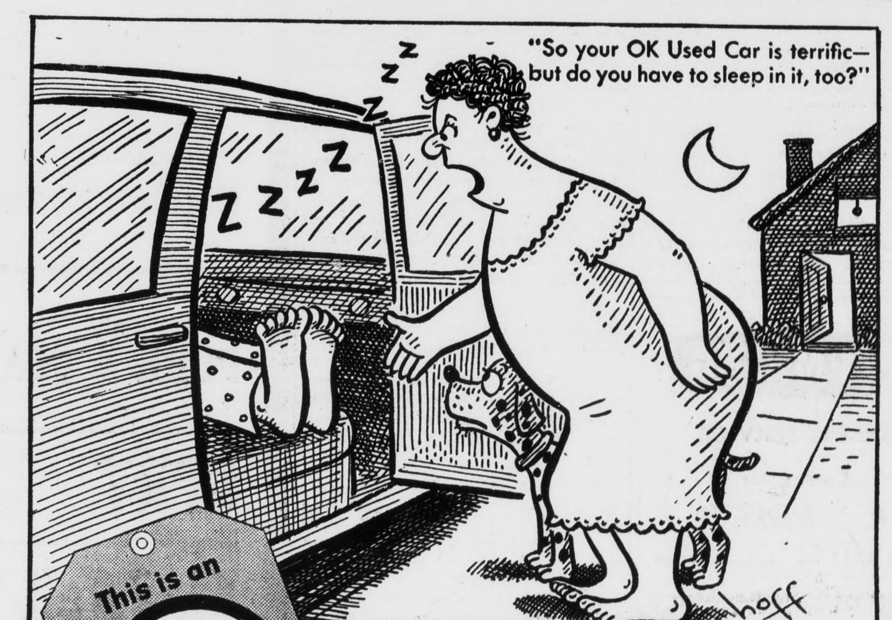

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